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To whom it may concern,

Please allow this email to serve as testimony of my situation regarding court appointed psychologists in the family courts of Connecticut. My name is Shervin Gholian. Background about me: I was raised in Beverly Hills California, graduated from Beverly Hills Highschool 1992, University of Southern California 1996, University of Pennsylvania (Doctorate of Dental Medicine) 2000, Harvard Medical School (Masters in Oral Biology) 2003, Harvard School of Dental Medicine (Endodontics) 2003. I currently live and practice in San Luis Obispo CA. In 2008 my wife took my son and relocated to Connecticut. Over the last 6 years I have spent all my financial and mental resources to fight parental alienation to stay in his life. My story is so very long and I will try to be short and blunt just to keep you on track. To begin with, I have never had a history of anything that should prevent me from equal access to my son. The family court dangled my son in front of me like a carrot and kept me on a track to nowhere for 6 years. Judge Aberly Wetstone and Judge Monroe appointed GAL Anne Epstein to my case and Dr. Sydney Horowitz to perform two evaluations totaling over \$20,000 cash. After the first evaluation it was determined that my ex-wife could potentially cause parental alienation so we were ordered to take on a parent coordinator (which I was ordered to pay for at \$600 a week). Dr. Jeffrey Zimmerman @ \$2400 a month for a few months with no real assistance. I begged him to reduce his fees and he threatened me with "I will report to the GAL that you are not complying with her orders." I told him and the GAL that I could not afford to pay this and the GAL threatened me on several occasions that she would report to the judge that I was not in compliance of court orders and it would further damage my visitation with my son. I told the GAL that I did not cancel Zimmerman and I would continue if he would stop making it about money. The sessions did not continue. Later, due to worsening alienation I was instructed by the GAL to get a new attorney. The GAL stated "you need someone who is in the club." As shady as that sounded I did just that. I desperately wanted to see my son. With the help of my "in the club" (Michael Perzin, New Haven) attorney I filed a motion for custody due to several factors associated with parental alienation. The new Judge (Monroe) recommended Dr. Sidney Horowitz to perform another evaluation at over \$10,000. So I unwillingly paid and did it. I asked Dr. Horowitz for an explanation of his fees and the best answer I got was for him to ask us a couple hours of questions, to think about it, and write a report. I'm a doctor and have never seen another doctor get paid for thinking about a patient! He was never clear about how the money was allocated. Dr. Horowitz wrote a wish washy report that pointed to parental alienation and instead of guiding the court to a conclusion after 6 years, he recommended several therapists to give my ex wife therapy. The GAL then filed a motion to force me to pay for my ex wife's therapy sessions. Dr. Linda Smith was recommended. You see I am the source of \$\$\$ for these professionals. I was complaining constantly to my attorney that something illegal was going on. Then Judge Monroe recused herself from my trial because she suddenly realized that she has some kind of other business relationship with Dr. Horowitz and it would cause a conflict. She didn't know this when she appointed him? So after spending over \$300,000 and a dwindling relationship with my now 7 year old son, I waved the white flag. I told my attorney that I was going to either CNN with my story or the task force. All parties realized my wallet was closed and I was ready to talk to anyone who would listen.

My attorney told me the people who show up at these task forces are low life, mentally deficient, homeless people. I told him the game is up and it's over. In 6 weeks the GAL removed herself from my case. We came up with a visitation schedule that doesn't do me any good because the mom is still an alienator. And I got out of the family court mentally and financially scarred. My retirement and my son's college funds were zeroed out to pay the attorneys and psychologists. If I didn't quit I would have a perpetual psychology bill for the rest of my sons life. They do not allow insurance to pay nor do they actually help resolve anything. Each session leads to a cash bill and another visit. There is corruption. There is favoritism. There is no transparency. The Judges, GALs, attorneys, and psychologists have a "club." And it serves them with immunity to make them a lot of \$\$\$\$. Please investigate. Ask yourselves why would the mental health professionals fight to stop an investigation if they have done nothing wrong? I can be reached via email or phone at 805-305-7374.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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